

Sinclair  
Broadcasting's  
decision to force  
their stations to  
air an anti-Kerry  
documentary days  
before the election  
is a clear example  
of the dangers of  
media consolidation,  
as well as an abuse  
of the public  
interest and public  
airwaves.

Sinclair uses the  
public airwaves free  
of charge, and is  
obligated by law to  
serve the public  
interest. But when  
large companies  
control the  
airwaves, and  
operate multiple  
stations within  
single, several or  
many markets, we get  
more of what's good  
for that company's  
bottom line and less  
of what we need for  
our democracy.

Sinclair's current  
actions clearly show  
why we need to  
strengthen media  
ownership rules, not  
weaken them. They  
show why the license  
renewal process  
needs to involve  
more than a returned  
postcard. Many  
voices are needed in  
a democracy, not  
fewer.

Thank you.